

**IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE**  
**PUBLIC HEARING ON CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND**  
**ALSO KNOWN AS IDAHO CHILD CARE PROGRAM**

**Public Hearing:** On Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (MST), the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare will hold a public hearing on Idaho's plan for providing child care services under the 2016-2018 Child Care and Development Fund Draft Plan, also known as ICCP State Plan.

The hearing will be hosted at the Pete T. Cenarrusa Building. The address is 450 West State Street, 2nd floor, Boise, Idaho 83720. Detailed information about the State Plan and background can be found on the [Department website for the ICCP State Plan](#).

Anyone wishing to submit written comments must have them submitted on or before February 11, 2016. You may mail, email, or fax your comments into the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, ICCP Program, 450 West State Street, 2nd Floor, Boise, Idaho 83720.

In November 2014, the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014 was signed into law. The Act fully authorizes the child care program for the first time since 1996. The new law makes significant advancements by defining health and safety requirements for child care providers; outlining family-friendly eligibility policies; and ensuring that parents and the general public have transparent information about the child care choices available to them.

Beginning with the 2016-2018 CCDF Plan, Idaho must submit a plan to the Administration for Children and Families every three years for the use of CCDF funds over the next three years.

CCDF funds are an important source of funding for financing child care subsidy in Idaho and related programs as well as quality improvement initiatives. The purpose of CCDF is to:

1. Help low income families through offsetting the costs of child care when they are working or preparing for work;
2. Support child care for participants in the Idaho Child Care Program;
3. Support ongoing fraud detection efforts, and
4. Provide support that improves the quality of child care programs and services.